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## Value of 2001 Agricultural Commodities Totaled \$5.6 Billion

The value of Washington's 2001 agricultural production was \$5.64 billion, a 5 percent increase over the \$5.34 billion produced in 2000. Although the value of production has increased for three consecutive years, it is still well below the record of \$5.8 billion attained in 1995.

**Top Five:** Apples top the list with a value of production reaching \$905 million, a 21 percent increase over 2000. Apples represent 16 percent of total agricultural value produced. Milk ranked second with a value of \$844 million, an increase of 18 percent over the previous year. The value of potatoes increased by 24 percent over 2000, ranking third with \$552 million in production. Cattle and calves ranked fourth with production of \$493 million, a decrease in value of 12 percent. Rounding out the top five was wheat with \$443 million, a decrease of .2 percent.

These five commodities had a combined value of \$3.23 billion or 58 percent of the 2001 total value for all commodities. The same five commodities in 2000, had a combined value of \$2.92 billion, 55 percent of the total. In 1999 comparable figures were \$2.96 billion and 56 percent.

**Record Highs:** Record high values of production were recorded for all grapes and all hay. Grapes weighed in with a value of production of \$133 million and hay climbed to \$375 million.

**Commodity Groups:** Looking at the major groupings of commodities, Field Crops had the highest value with \$1.76 billion, 4 percent above 2000. The Fruits group had a strong showing totaling \$1.34 billion. This was 14 percent above the previous year and second only to the \$1.35 billion production reached in 1995. Commercial Vegetables dropped slightly to \$315 million compared to \$320 million in 2000. Berry crops rebounded strongly from the 2000 level of \$46.7 million to reach \$61 million.

Livestock and livestock products increased 4 percent above 2000 reaching \$1.58 billion. Specialty products which include forest products, Christmas trees, floriculture, mushrooms, nursery and other horticultural products had a combined value of \$589.3, marginally higher than 2000.

Another way to evaluate each crop is to look at the value per harvested acre, which reflects both the yield and price. Non-storage onions topped the list for 2001 with a value of \$6,984 per acre. Peaches and sweet cherries were close behind with values of \$6,884 and \$6,549, respectively, per harvested acre.

Some people believe government payments are a large portion of what farmers receive. The table below shows the opposite. Government payments in 2001 totaled \$299 million, just 5 percent of the total and 15 percent below the previous year.

## Value of Production and Government Payments, 1992-2001

Year	Field Crops	Fruits & Nuts	Commercial Vegetables	Berry Crops	Total Crops	Specialty Products 1/	Livestock & Products	Total Value of Prod.	Govt. Paymts.	Total Value 2/
Thousand Dollars										
1992	1,434,184	996,884	242,544	41,323	2,714,935	505,747	1,366,884	4,587,566	188,743	4,776,309
1993	1,740,347	1,014,647	285,169	44,882	3,085,045	577,919	1,413,019	5,075,983	207,208	5,283,191
1994	1,621,096	1,061,984	302,586	59,359	3,045,025	648,367	1,441,631	5,135,023	152,840	5,287,863
1995	2,121,180	1,351,311	317,143	53,159	3,842,793	640,724	1,396,123	5,879,640	116,062	5,995,702
1996	2,082,200	1,232,736	307,635	54,431	3,677,002	575,704	1,459,933	5,712,639	155,364	5,868,003
1997	1,869,686	1,235,716	357,558	50,183	3,513,143	577,351	1,443,135	5,533,629	147,263	5,680,892
1998	1,648,007	1,080,581	357,016	40,405	3,126,009	583,185	1,540,559	5,249,753	260,524	5,510,277
1999	1,573,746	1,241,789	299,306	66,252	3,181,093	592,962	1,551,152	5,325,207	270,594	5,595,801
2000	1,697,526	1,173,632	320,095	46,679	3,237,932	588,739	1,515,622	5,342,293	352,503	5,695,796
2001	1,763,717	1,335,535	314,751	61,001	3,475,004	589,262	1,575,974	5,640,240	298,784	5,939,024

1/ Includes forest products, Christmas trees, floriculture, nursery and other horticultural products, and mushrooms.

2/ Includes government payments.

# Top Forty Agricultural Commodities, WA

Commodity	Rank			Value of Production			Change 2001 vs 2000
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001	
				Thousand Dollars			Percent
Apples	1	1	1	856,000	750,200	904,800	20.6%
Milk	2	2	2	824,715	715,904	843,642	17.8%
Potatoes, Fall	3	5	3	476,000	446,250	552,240	23.8%
Cattle & Calves	4	3	4	454,222	560,729	492,641	-12.1%
Wheat, All	5	4	5	345,299	443,369	442,680	-0.2%
Hay, All	6	6	6	307,027	355,261	375,328	5.6%
Nursery & Greenhouse Products 1/	7	7	7	282,211	281,345	288,378	2.5%
Forest Products, Farm	8	8	8	235,000	225,000	221,000	-1.8%
Sweet Cherries	10	9	9	115,860	154,725	144,072	-6.9%
Grapes, All	11	10	10	114,400	127,460	133,071	4.4%
Pears, All	9	11	11	121,204	105,995	121,289	14.4%
Hops	12	12	12	80,930	94,591	92,927	-1.8%
Onions, All	15	17	13	51,795	64,605	73,171	13.3%
Sweet Corn, All	13	13	14	64,103	70,261	66,268	-5.7%
Eggs	14	16	15	59,031	59,759	62,412	4.4%
Christmas Trees	18	15	16	60,000	60,000	59,000	-1.7%
Asparagus	16	18	17	51,216	54,876	48,910	-10.9%
Corn for Silage	21	21	18	41,470	40,755	48,360	18.7%
Barley	17	14	19	50,882	66,199	40,950	-38.1%
Red Raspberries	19	25	20	48,291	25,888	37,784	46.0%
Mint Oil	23	22	21	37,236	34,309	33,822	-1.4%
Aquaculture 2/	22	20	22	39,984	41,183	30,541	-25.8%
Corn for Grain	20	19	23	41,940	46,805	27,170	-42.0%
Haylage	20	27	24	43,763	21,924	26,075	18.9%
Kentucky Bluegrass Seed	29	26	25	18,160	25,840	22,875	-11.5%
Peaches	25	29	26	22,653	21,096	18,588	-11.9%
Green Peas, Processing	26	28	27	22,588	24,638	18,148	-26.3%
Mushrooms	30	31	28	15,307	14,160	16,711	18.0%
Alfalfa Seed	28	30	29	18,360	16,875	13,800	-18.2%
Lentils	33	32	30	11,993	12,495	13,032	4.3%
Blueberries	34	34	31	7,833	9,364	11,688	24.8%
Dry Edible Beans	32	33	32	13,050	11,712	11,098	-5.2%
Carrots, Processing	24	23	33	13,398	10,560	10,368	-1.8%
Sugarbeets 3/	27	24	34	26,730	26,901	9,968	-62.9%
Trout	36	37	35	6,866	6,477	8,271	27.7%
Dry Edible Peas	31	35	36	12,888	8,190	7,936	-3.1%
Strawberries	35	36	37	7,368	6,776	6,944	2.5%
Wrinkled Seed Peas	40	39	38	4,420	5,095	5,913	16.1%
Hogs & Pigs	38	38	39	4,781	5,835	5,121	-12.2%
Mink	39	40	40	-	-	4,070	-
<b>Total Value of Production</b>				<b>\$5,013,648</b>	<b>\$5,059,461</b>	<b>\$5,351,062</b>	<b>5.8%</b>

1/ Includes floriculture.

2/ The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife annually calculates the value of aquaculture production. Aquaculture total excludes trout which is listed separately.

3/ Value of production for sugarbeets based on previous year's price. Data for 2001 will be published in CROP VALUES, February 2003.

Washington Agricultural Statistics is our annual report of agriculture. The 2002 publication is also available on our homepage at this address: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wa>